

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, would you respond.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: You're in the fertilizer business, I heard last weekend, and I don't know if it's true, that ConAgra, in one of the fertilizer newsletters, stated they were about to buy a thousand retail outlets. Had you seen that or heard anything about it?

SENATOR ELMER: No, I haven't, Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Okay, thank you. Well, that's just a rumor then. That would be nice to get them in the private fertilizer businesses as some more unfair competition. Everybody says this is a big gamble. Well, it is a big gamble. The people saying it is a big gamble, they wouldn't bet \$10.00 of their own money, but they will bet the state's future on this. I don't mind gambling, I love to gamble. I bet a horse yesterday that was 25-1, and I'll be darned if I didn't get tricked. When they came down the back stretch, he was pulling a plow, so, incidentally, I didn't win, but this is a very big load for the State of Nebraska and I think you should consider what Senator Warner said earlier today about narrowing the tax base. And I think the Speaker at this time should appoint some lobbyists and some senators to prepare for next year's sine die party, because it will really be sine die to a lot of senators from the odd-numbered districts. They are going to have to go out there and defend this here economic package that we're passing and going to pass today. If I could borrow a word from Vard, you don't have to get up, can I use the word "unconscionable", Vard? You're the only one...thank you. I really think it is unconscionable that we raise the income tax on the middle income people and unconscionable that we would pass a bill...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: ...like this to just absolutely shovel more of this income of the state, we just can't give it away fast enough. And I wish you people would really consider when you vote, how you're going home and tell your people. The World-Herald was full yesterday of people from Omaha who were against this package. Don't they call their senators? Don't they tell them? So, consider a few of these things I've told you. My lumber association, last spring, they listed a few groups of people that didn't make good senators, and next year they are going to include lumbermen because they called me and hammered that I should vote for this bill. I think they had had